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Dear Sid,

25X1 On 17 August 1959 [redacted] of Hycon called at my office to discuss methods by which they might find nonproject related applications of the A and B cameras without compromising Project activity. We have always been in favor of this and, frankly, have been somewhat concerned because the state of the art as far as AF PI circles are concerned may fall behind Project developments.

There are only two security considerations involved in breaking this hardware out of the Project system: (1) that a suitable nonproject related story be developed to explain the existence of this hardware; (2) that nonproject related tests be conducted to be used to support hardware performance.

We have asked these gentlemen to get together with you on this matter. If this hardware, developed by Hycon, has significant application to any other Air Force activity, (and you are in the best position to know) then we feel it is incumbent upon you to discuss the matter and come up with a suitable answer. I would like to suggest that this equipment could be tested by the Wright-Patterson Laboratory, (we will grant the necessary security clearances) and that these test results could henceforth be utilized to support the performance capability. The cost would not be significant when considered in light of monies that might be wasted in misguided R&D efforts. Possibly some now defunct AF project could be used to explain the development of this hardware. We are open to any suggestions you might have, but we do feel that the matter should be given your urgent consideration.

Sincerely,

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